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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Katsuaki NAKAMURA, et al.  
Serial No. : (U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP2004/003252  
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For : METHOD FOR PROCESSING METAL BODY  
AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING METAL  
BODY

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows: